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1. THIS REPORT GIVES A SUMMARY OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE AND  
TERRORIST ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE COME TO OUR ATTENTION DURING  
THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 22-28, 1977.

2. ON APRIL 22, MILITARY AND POLICE SECURITY FORCES ARRANGED  
A MEETING BETWEEN A CAPTURED TERRORIST AND TWO OF HIS  
COMRADES. WHEN THE TERRORISTS ARRIVED, SECURITY FORCES  
ATTEMPTED TO APPREHEND THEM. IN THE CONFRONTATION, ONE OF  
THE TERRORISTS WAS KILLED AND THE OTHER ESCAPED.

AT 1450 HR POLICE OF THE 45TH PRECINCT WERE ENGAGED  
IN A SHOOTOUT WITH TERRORIST ELEMENTS. NO ADDI-  
TIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

APR. 23: THE HERALD REPORTED THAT FOUR MONTONEROS WERE KILLED  
IN A GUN BATTLE WITH SECURITY FORCES AT SARANDI,  
12 KMS. SOUTH OF BUENOS AIRES. THE TERRORISTS,  
OPERATING IN TWO VEHICLES, ARRIVED AT A SECURITY  
CHECKPOINT AND OPENED FIRE ON THE SECURITY FORCES  
WITH MACHINEGUNS. SECURITY FORCES FOUND ARMAMENTS,  
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HAND GRENADES AND DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE  
MONTONEROS IN THE VEHICLES USED BY THE TERRORISTS.

APR. 24: AT 0810 HRS THREE PERSONS, HEAVILY ARMED AND  
DRIVING A PICKUP TRUCK, SHOT AND WOUNDED A POLICE  
OFFICER. DURING THE CONFRONTATION ONE OF THE  
EXTREMISTS WAS WOUNDED.

APR. 26: AT 0430 HRS A BOMB WAS DETONATED AT SARMIENTO  
AND F. ALCORTA NEAR A LOCAL MONUMENT.

AT 0650 HRS, AT PIO GONZALEZ AND YRIGOYEN, TWO  
ARMED MEN WHO IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS TERRORISTS  
STOLE A VEHICLE.

AT 0655 HRS, AT PARADERO CHACARITA, TWO MEN WITH  
AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND A WOMAN WITH A SAWED OFF  
SHOTGUN ROBBED A POLICE OFFICER OF HIS I.D. CARD  
AND WEAPONS.

AT 0700 HRS, TWO YOUNG MEN IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES  
AS BELONGING TO A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION STOLE  
A VEHICLE.

AT 1000 HRS POLICE REPORTED THAT THREE HEAVILY  
ARMED YOUNG MEN STOLE A TORINO WHICH BELONGED TO  
AN OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY.

AT 1135 HRS POLICE REPORTED THAT FIVE MEN ARMED  
WITH HEAVY WEAPONS KILLED A HIGHWAY PATROL POLICE-  
MAN AT QUILMES, SOUTH OF BUENOS AIRES, AND ESCAPED.

AT 1340 HRS A BOMB SQUAD RESPONDED TO BILLINGHURST  
AND V. GOMEZ TO CHECK A SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE LEFT  
IN A VEHICLE.

OP APRIL 27 THE BUENOS AIRES HERALD REPORTED THAT ON  
APR. 26 A NUMBER OF MONTONEROS WERE INVOLVED IN A CON-  
FRONTATION WITH LOCAL SECURITY SERVICES IN THE FLORES  
SECTION OF BUENOS AIRES. TWO BYSTANDERS WERE INJURED AND  
LATER DIED AS A RESULT OF WOUNDS RECEIVED DURING THIS  
CONFRONTATION.

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APR. 27: AT 2245 HRS A BOMB EXPLODED NEXT TO A TRANSFORMER  
OF ONE OF THE LOCAL ELECTRIC COMPANIES, CAUSING  
A TEMPORARY BLACKOUT.

AT 2315 HRS THE BOMB SQUAD RESPONDED TO THE  
SHERATON HOTEL WHERE THEY LOCATED AN EXPLOSIVE

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DEVICE ON THE FIRST FLOOR IN THE SERVICE STARIWELL.  
THE BOMB WAS REMOVED; NO INJURIES REPORTED.

APR. 28: AT 1325 HRS AT AVELLANEDA, A TERRORIST KILLED  
TWO POLICE OFFICERS OF THE RAILROAD POLICE. ONE  
OF THE TERRORISTS WAS WOUNDED IN THE ENCOUNTER  
BUT BOTH TERRORISTS ESCAPED.

AT 1810 HRS IN FLORIDA DISTRICT OF BUENOS AIRES,  
THREE MEN DRIVING A TORINO VEHICLE WERE CIRCULATING  
PAMPHLETS OF A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION.

AT 2055 HRS A BOMB EXPLODED AT ARRIBENOS 1307.  
SEVERAL VEHICLES PARKED NEARBY WERE DAMAGED.

3. RSO COMMENT: INSPITE OF TERRORIST LOSSES IN PERSONNEL,  
LOGISTICS, MONEY AND LEADERSHIP, THEY STILL MAINTAIN A  
CAPABILITY FOR ISOLATED ATTACKS AGAINST ARGENTINE SECURITY  
FORCES AND OTHER SELECTED TARGETS.  
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